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SUBJ: NATO COMMENTS ON NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) RECOMMENDATIONS
AND RESOLUTIONS

REF: A. STATE 888712; B. USNATO 2281

1. AT MAY 3 NAC THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT NAA HAD DONE
USEFUL WORK IN FORMULATING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
AND THAT THIS INTEREST SHOULD BE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE
SYG AND HIS COMMENTS ON THE NAA TEXTS.

2. COUNCIL DISCUSSION WAS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT THE EUROGROUP,
WITH NETHERLANDS PERM REP AS SPOKESMAN, MADE USEFUL SUGGESTIONS
ON CERTAIN NAA RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO ARMS AND EQUIPMENT
COLLABORATION. OTHER SPECIFIC COMMENTS OF PERM REPS WERE GENERALLY
CONSTRUCTIVE. BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF TIME SOME SPECIFIC
COMMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE MISSION, ARE BEING CIRCULATED IN
WRITING. SYG WILL CONSIDER ALL INPUTS THEN CIRCULATE HIS REVISED
COMMENTS FOR FURTHER ADVICE FROM COUNCIL.

3. COMMENT: IT WAS GRATIFYING THAT, CONTRARY TO THE GENERAL
ATMOSPHERE DURING SOME PREVIOUS EXERCISES OF THIS KIND, PERM REPS AND
SYG SEEMED GENUINELY SYMPATHETIC TO POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THIS
EXPRESSION OF PARLIAMENTARY INTEREST IN ALLIANCE AFFAIRS. COUNCIL
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AGREED THAT THE OVERALL EFFECT OF THE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN
TO THESE NAA TEXTS SHOULD BE A POSITIVE RATHER THAN A CRITICAL ONE.
IN THIS WAY, IT WAS FELT PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO
TAKE THE NEXT STEP BEYOND FORMULATING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND

COMMUNICATING THEM TO THE COUNCIL, NAMELY COMMUNICATING THEIR
VIEWS MORE WIDELY. IN THIS WAY THE SUBJECT MATTER OF INTEREST TO
NATO MIGHT REACH MORE PARLIAMENTARIANS AND THROUGH THEM, MORE
PEOPLE. RUMSFELD

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